

House Study Bill 111 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON CARLSON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor trucks traveling in a connected
2 platoon, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.308, Code 2017, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.308 Motor trucks and towed vehicles — distance**
4 **requirements.**

5 The driver of any motor truck, including but not limited to
6 a motor truck using cooperative adaptive cruise control or any
7 other automated driving technology approved by the department
8 to travel in a connected platoon, or of a motor vehicle drawing
9 another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway, outside of a
10 business or residence district shall not follow within three
11 hundred feet of another motor truck, or of a motor vehicle
12 drawing another vehicle. The provisions of **this section** shall
13 not be construed to prevent overtaking and passing nor shall
14 the same apply upon any lane specially designated for use by
15 motor trucks.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 Current law prohibits the driver of a motor truck from
20 following within 300 feet of another motor truck when traveling
21 upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district.
22 This bill includes in that provision motor trucks using
23 cooperative adaptive cruise control or any other automated
24 driving technology approved by the department of transportation
25 to travel in a connected platoon. Under current law, a
26 violation of the provision is punishable by a scheduled fine of
27 \$100. However, if the violation causes a serious injury, the
28 court could impose a fine of \$500 and suspend the violator's
29 driver's license or operating privileges for not more than 90
30 days. If the violation causes a death, the court could impose
31 a fine of \$1,000 and suspend the violator's driver's license or
32 operating privileges for not more than 180 days.